

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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This application is a continuation application of United States Serial No. 10/072,271 filed on February 7, 2002 (now allowed), which is a continuation-in-part of United States Serial No. 09/881,633 filed on June 14, 2001 (now allowed).

In the paragraph on page 6, line 27 through page 7, line 4:

As shown in Figure 8 the sliding strap includes a mid-section 204 intended to reciprocate with the engaging clips 202, terminated at each end by loops 206, 208 which attach to the headgear 108. The first loop 206 is a full loop through which the headgear 108 is permanently attached with for example, a velcro hook and loop strap, commonly sold under the trademark VELCRO®. The loop 208 at the other end, is only a partial loop 210 designed so that a strap or loop from the headgear 108 can be easily slipped in or out of the open section 212 to allow easy removal and attachment of the mask.

In the paragraph on page 7, lines 17-27:

Referring now particularly to Figures 9 and 10 we see that a nasal cannula 1100 is secured at its base to the back of a neonates head using strap 1150. The strap 1150 connects at the base of the neonates skull on the back of the neck. It connects to the cannula 1100 by way of a sliding strap 1152. This strap 1152 is secured by way of clips to the hard plastic body 1138 allowing the securing strap 1150 substantial relative movement with respect to the cannula 1100 as the neonate twists its head while providing adequate restraining force directly on the cannula 1100 without any twisting of the cannula 1100. In one embodiment this is accomplished by a plastic, e.g. acetal, such as one commonly sold under the trademark

TEFLON®, sliding strap which engages into sliding clips on the outer face of the cannula 1100. The ~~Teflon~~ strap 1152 is adjustably attached to the neck strap ~~150~~ 1150 to allow the tension to be adjusted to a comfortable level. Alternatively a sliding loop could be employed.

In the paragraph on page 7, line 29 through page 8, line 4:

Referring to Figures 11 to 13 and 18 a number of further embodiments are illustrated particularly relating to full face masks. Similarly to the preceding embodiments in Figure 18 the mask 1200 is attached to headgear around the head of a patient with a sliding ~~Teflon~~ strap 1202 which may be formed of acetal, such as one commonly sold under the trademark TEFLON®. The strap engages through a channel 1201 moulded into the mask 1200.

In the paragraph on page 8, lines 4-6:

Alternatively as seen in Figures 11 to 13 the mask 1200 is attached to the headgear with a sliding loop 1204. The loop 1204 engages with the headgear through ~~Velcro~~ loops 1206, commonly sold under the trademark VELCRO®, and to the mask 1200 through clips 1208.